

DECLARATION

SITE NAME AND LOCATION

SITE NAME: Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range (CMAGR)
Installation Restoration (IR) Program Sites
1, 4, 5, 7, and 8

LOCATION: Riverside and Imperial Counties, California

SITE TYPE: Federal facility; Managed by Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS)
Yuma

LEAD AGENCY: Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

This decision document presents the selected final remedial action for Sites 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 at CMAGR in Riverside and Imperial Counties, California. The remedial action was developed in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 and, to the extent practicable, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). This Record of Decision (ROD)/Remedial Action Plan (RAP) has also been prepared in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25356.1. This action is based on the administrative record file for these sites.

The state of California has concurred with the selected remedy of no further action through the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG).

DESCRIPTION OF THE SELECTED REMEDY: NO FURTHER ACTION

No further action is the selected remedy for Sites 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8. In selecting the no further action remedy for these sites, the Department of the Navy (DON) has determined that the existing condition of the sites is protective of human health and the environment. DTSC, RWQCB, and DFG concurred with the recommendation for no further action with the condition that site surface restoration activities be implemented.

Site surface restoration activities were conducted at Sites 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 in 2000. The Navy consolidated various nonhazardous debris from Sites 1 and 7 and buried the debris in the open trench at Site 7, away from the desert wash. Debris from Sites 4 and 5 was consolidated with the scrap metal pile at Site 8. The consolidated debris along with the scrap metal pile at Site 8 was then removed and properly disposed of off-site. The Navy backfilled the areas where debris was removed, as well as the open trench at Site 7 with up to 2 feet of native soil fill. The sites were re-graded to the natural contours. During extensive field investigation of Site 4, approximately 100 cubic yards of soil was

generated and stockpiled. The soil was identified to be non-hazardous based on the soil investigation results and was disposed accordingly.

The analytical results for the remaining soil at Sites 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 confirm that there is no elevated risk to human health or the environment. No monitoring or land use restrictions are required to address chemicals present in soil and/or groundwater as a result of operations at the sites.

STATUTORY DETERMINATIONS

The DON has determined that no further remedial action is necessary to ensure the protection of human health and the environment at Sites 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8. This determination was based on field investigations, laboratory analyses, and an evaluation of potential human-health and ecological risks.

Because this remedy will not result in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining on-site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, a five-year review will not be required for this site.

Declaration

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE

FOR THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS:

Signature: _____

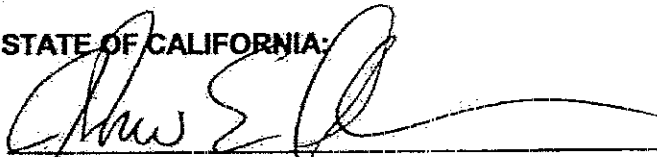
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Date: 24 Sep 2003

SUPPORT AGENCY SIGNATURES

FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

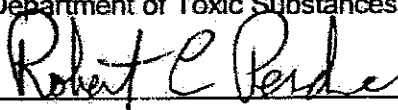
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California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control

Signature: _____



Date: 10/17/2003

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